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Title:	Process for Converting Lignins Into	)	
	A High Octane Blending Component )		

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In advance of the prosecution and before this Request For Continued Examination is  
taken up for consideration, please amend the claims as follows:

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